

Session 108 - (1989-1990)

S 0236 General Bill, By Land, Leatherman and I.E. Lourie

A Bill to amend Sections 42-9-30, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the amount of Workers' Compensation and period of disability for certain injuries, so as to provide that permanent disfigurement of the face, head, neck, or other area normally exposed in employment, rather than "serious permanent disfigurement" of such places, must be visible from a distance of six feet; 42-3-20, relating to the Workers' Compensation Commission, so as to provide a procedure for dismissing a claim, without prejudice, upon the occurrence of certain conditions; 42-17-50, relating to review and rehearing by the Commission, so as to change the amount of the fee which must accompany each application for commission review in order to defray the costs of the review; 42-9-240, relating to the date on which Workers' Compensation payable under an award or under a judgment upon an appeal from such an award becomes due, so as to provide that the first installment of the compensation becomes due fourteen, rather than seven, days from the date of the award or from the date of the judgment; 42-17-20, relating to the hearing before the Commission on payable compensation, so as to provide that, for a county without an adequate hearing site, a National Guard armory in that county must be established and utilized as the permanent hearing site, and provide that this permanent hearing site must be accessible to the handicapped; and 42-17-30, relating to appointment by the Commission of a doctor to examine an injured employee and to compensation, so as to provide that the physician or surgeon must be allowed traveling expenses and a reasonable fee in accordance with a fee schedule set by the Commission, rather than as fixed by the Commission, to delete certain language and provisions, and to provide that the fees and expenses of the physician or surgeon must be paid by the Commission rather than the State; and to repeal Sections 42-11-120, 42-11-130, 42-11-140, 42-11-150 and 42-11-160, relating to Workers' Compensation, occupational diseases, and the Medical Board.

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